

WAR DIARY  
OF  
U.S.S. PHELPS

Task Organization:

Task Force 11: USS SARATOGA - VADM Fletcher  
Task Force 11.2: USS MINNEAPOLIS, NEW ORLEANS - RADM Wright  
Task Force 11.4: DESRON ONE less USS MONAGHAN, AYLWIN, DALE, DEWEY,  
and HULL plus GWIN on temporary duty.

Changes:

- On 8/3/42 USS CIMARRON joined formation, GWIN detached to join Task Force 16. CIMARRON subsequently detached.
- On 8/10/42 USS PLATTE and KASKASKIA, escorted by CLARK, joined.
- On 8/12/42 USS PLATTE and KASKASKIA, escorted by CLARK, detached.
- On 8/13/42 USS DEWEY rejoined.
- On 8/21/42 HMAS AUSTRALIA and HOBART and USS PATTERSON and BAGLEY joined.
- On 8/26/42 USS NORTH CAROLINA, ATLANTA, GRAYSON and MONSSEN joined.
- On 8/30/42 HMAS AUSTRALIA and HOBART and USS PATTERSON and BAGLEY detached.
- On 8/31/42 USS NORTH CAROLINA detached.
- On 9/1/42 USS LAFFEY and NAVAJO joined.
- On 9/2/42 USS MONSSEN and GRAYSON detached.
- On 9/6/42 USS WILSON and CUMMINGS joined. USS LAFFEY and NAVAJO detached.
- On 9/10/42 USS MINNEAPOLIS, MACDONOUGH, FARRAGUT, MONSSEN and GRAYSON detached and organized as Task Force 64.
- On 9/12/42 USS ATLANTA detached.
- On 9/22/42 USS DEWEY, WORDEN and PHELPS detached Task Force 11 and reported to ComTaskForce ONE for duty. Commander Destroyer Squadron ONE on PHELPS.
- On 9/24/42 USS PHELPS, DEWEY, WORDEN further reported to ComBatDiv TWO, reorganized as follows:

Task Organization:

Task Force 1.1.2: USS IDAHO (ComBatDiv 2); Task Unit Commander  
- PENNSYLVANIA, PHELPS, DEWEY, WORDEN.

- 8/25/42 Steaming in company with Task Force 11, screening USS SARATOGA.
- 8/31/42 About 0748 hours USS SARATOGA "suffered certain damage the details of which were covered in the war diary submitted by Commander Destroyer Squadron One for the current month."
- 9/6/42 Task Force moored at Nukualofa, Tongatabu for fueling and replenishing.
- 9/12/42 Underway in company with Task Force 11 for Pearl Harbor, screening USS SARATOGA and SOUTH DAKOTA.
- 9/21/42 Entered Pearl Harbor. Moored.
- 9/28/42 Underway from Pearl Harbor in company with Task Unit 1.1.2, screening battleships, enroute to San Francisco.
- 10/4/42 Entered San Francisco Harbor. Moored.
- 10/9/42 Departed San Francisco in company with Task Unit 1.1.2 to conduct exhaustive firing exercise by USS IDAHO.
- 10/11/42 Returned to San Francisco. Underway to Mare Island for overhaul. Moored.
- 11/4/42 LCDR B.E.S. Trippensee relieved LCDR E.L. Beck as CO.
- 11/27/42 Underway for San Francisco. Moored.
- War Diary for period 12/1/42-11/30/43 was not included by BuPers.

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